REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

This application is a National phase of PCT/JP04/17815. A certified copy of the priority document was forwarded to the Patent Office by the International Bureau and is found in the image file wrapper on the Patent Office's PAIR website. The Examiner is kindly requested to acknowledge Applicants' claim for priority, and that a certified copy of the priority document has been received, by marking Boxes 12(a)(3) in the next Patent Office communication.

The Examiner also is kindly requested to consider the information listed in the first and second Information Disclosure Statements filed in this application and return to the undersigned copies of fully-initialed Forms PTO-1449.

Claims 1-7 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the specification and Claims 1-7 are amended for clarity. No new matter is added.

The Official Action rejects Claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. In particular, the Official Action states that the some terms in the claims find no clear support in the specification.

The specification is amended to provide a better correlation between the claims terms and associated description in the specification and to assist the Examiner during examination of this application. It is submitted that all of the claim terms are identifiable in the specification in conjunction with the figures. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference with the undersigned would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application the undersigned respectfully requests that he be contacted at the number indicated below.

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